(b) Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance have been requested to consider the proposal and advise in the matter.

Unremunerative railway lines

1441. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of unremunerative Broadgauge, Metergauge and Narrowgauge rail lines in the country;

(b) what is the total loss incurred on each of these lines; and

(c) what steps the Railways propose to take in this regard, giving details about each line, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There were 145 unremunerative Branch Lines in India during 1987-88. The details of these Lines and the loss suffered during 1987-88 are given below:

Gauge	Nos.	Amount of Loss
Broadgauge	31	Rs. 17.17 crores
Metregauge	77	Rs. 47.71 crores
Narrowgauge	37	Rs. 36.64 crores
		Rs. 101.52 crores

(c) Out of these, 7 unremunerative branch lines have been closed Train services have been withdrawn on 11 lines. Various steps such as replacement of passenger trains by Mixed trains, introduction of 'One Engine Only' system, economy in staff, curbing ticketless travel, closure of stations/or converting them into contractor operated halts, etc. have been taken to reduce the losses.

Passengers travelling in Bombay suburban railway

1442. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of passengers who had travelled in Bombay suburban railway during the last three years on Western Railway and Central Railway year-wise and Railway-wise; and

(b) what is the total number of local trains running in Bombay during the same period, year-wise and Railway-wise, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
(a) Number of passengers travelled in suburban trains.	(Figures in Thousands)		
Central Railway	685,555	718,439	773,776
Western Railway	698,214	735,867	763,238
TOTAL:	1,383,769	1,454,306	1,537,014
(b) Total number of suburban trains run.	(In units)		
Central Railway	315,690	328,677	339,708
Western Railway	310,741	321,239	331,935
TOTAL:	626,431	649,916	671,643